



# RULE-MAKING ORDER

**CR-103 (June 2004)**  
(Implements RCW 34.05.360)

**Agency:** Department of Labor and Industries

☒ **Permanent Rule**  
☐ **Emergency Rule**

**Effective date of rule:**

**Permanent Rules**

☐ 31 days after filing.  
☒ Other (specify) November 2, 2008 (If less than 31 days after filing, a specific finding under RCW 34.05.380(3) is required and should be stated below)

**Effective date of rule:**

**Emergency Rules**

☐ Immediately upon filing.  
☐ Later (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**Any other findings required by other provisions of law as precondition to adoption or effectiveness of rule?**

☐ Yes ☒ No If Yes, explain:

**Purpose:** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) discovered a few requirements in the department's rule regarding exit routes and employee alarm systems to be less effective than the Federal rule. This adoption addresses the changes that will make the department's rule at least as effective as the Federal equivalent.

The new language in WAC 296-800-310 will make our rule as effective as the Federal equivalent.

For example:

- The language will reference the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 101-2000, the Life Safety Code
- The adoption will change the wording to ensure that the ceiling of an exit route remains at six feet eight inches high if projections extend into the space
- The adoption will add definitions for occupant load, refuge area, and self-lighting or self-luminous

**Citation of existing rules affected by this order:**

Amended: WAC 296-800-310, WAC 296-800-31010, WAC 296-800-31020, WAC 296-800-31070, WAC 296-800-370

**Statutory authority for adoption:** RCW 49.17.010, 49.17.040, 49.17.050, 49.17.060

**Other authority :** None

**PERMANENT RULE ONLY (Including Expedited Rule Making)**

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 08-13-082 on June 17, 2008.

Describe any changes other than editing from proposed to adopted version: None.

If a preliminary cost-benefit analysis was prepared under RCW 34.05.328, a final cost-benefit analysis is available by contacting: N/A

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**EMERGENCY RULE ONLY**

Under RCW 34.05.350 the agency for good cause finds:

- ☐ That immediate adoption, amendment, or repeal of a rule is necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety, or general welfare, and that observing the time requirements of notice and opportunity to comment upon adoption of a permanent rule would be contrary to the public interest.
- ☐ That state or federal law or federal rule or a federal deadline for state receipt of federal funds requires immediate adoption of a rule.

Reasons for this finding:

**Date adopted:**

September 2, 2008

**NAME**

Judy Schurke

**SIGNATURE**

**TITLE**

Director

**CODE REVISER USE ONLY**

OFFICE OF THE CODE REVISER  
STATE OF WASHINGTON  
FILED

DATE: September 02, 2008  
TIME: 9:22 AM

**WSR 08-18-056**

(COMPLETE REVERSE SIDE)

**Note: If any category is left blank, it will be calculated as zero.  
No descriptive text.**

**Count by whole WAC sections only, from the WAC number through the history note.  
A section may be counted in more than one category.**

**The number of sections adopted in order to comply with:**

<b>Federal statute:</b>	New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
<b>Federal rules or standards:</b>	New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>5</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
<b>Recently enacted state statutes:</b>	New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>

**The number of sections adopted at the request of a nongovernmental entity:**

New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
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**The number of sections adopted in the agency's own initiative:**

New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
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**The number of sections adopted in order to clarify, streamline, or reform agency procedures:**

New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
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**The number of sections adopted using:**

<b>Negotiated rule making:</b>	New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
<b>Pilot rule making:</b>	New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
<b>Other alternative rule making:</b>	New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>5</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>